

Newton St Cyres



Annual Report, Directory And Summer Newsletter 2018

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2018/19

Chairman:	Cllr Jim Enright
Vice Chairman	Cllr Graeme Barnell
Allotment Officer	Cllr G Barnell
Arboretum Management Group:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Boniface Trail Representatives:	Cllr Steve Parker
Community Engagement Officer	Cllr Jim Enright
Community Speed Watch Officer:	Cllr Steve Parker

Creedy Local Action Group:	Cllr Graeme Barnell
Development Sub-Group:	Cllrs Jim Enright, Gina Quicke, Adam Reeves & Paul Taylor
Flood/Emergency Plan Integration Officer	Cllr Adam Reeves
Highways and Railways Liaison Officer:	Cllr Chris Southcott
Link with Primary School:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Neighbourhood Litter Officer:	Cllr Graeme Barnell
Neighbourhood Watch Officer:	Cllr Adan Reeves
Parish Car Park Management Group:	Cllrs Jim Enright & Graeme Barnell
Parish Footpath Officer:	Cllr Steve Parker
Parish Hall Representative:	Cllr Gina Quicke
Press Officer:	Cllr Jill Baker
Raddon Hills Group of P C's:	Cllrs David Baker, Steve Parker, Jim Enright & Jill Baker
Recreation Ground Representative:	Cllr Chris Southcott
Snow Warden Co-ordinator:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Staff & Personnel Committee:	Cllrs Jim Enright, Gina Quicke and Graeme Barnell
Training Officer:	Cllr Paul Taylor
Website & Facebook Officer:	Parish Clerk

Meeting Dates: (ALL Thursdays, 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall Clubroom)

6th July 2018	6th Sept 2018	4th Oct 2018
1st November 2018	6th Dec 2018	3rd Jan. 2019
7th Feb 2019	7th March 2019	4th April 2019
2nd May 2019	6th June 2019	
Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 2nd May 2019		

Parish Council Surgery: (to be held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall)

Dates (all Saturdays) – except July which will be at the Revels:

8th July	4th August	1st September
6th October	3rd November	1st December
5th January 2019	2nd February 2019	2nd March 2019
6th April 2019	4th May 2019	1st June 2019

Times: 10.30 am to noon

Parish Council Notice Boards

**There are Parish Notice Boards at the following locations
which are available for local organisations to use.
They are not available for commercial advertising**

**Langford - Half Moon
Tytheing Close - Sand Down Lane
Station Cross - Smallbrook
Village Green**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 3 May 2018 in the Parish Hall Club Room at 7.00pm

Present:

The Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council, Cllr D Baker presided.

Attending were Parish Councillors, Cllr P Hare-Scott (MDDC), the Parish Clerk, and 12 members of the public.

Cllr D Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies

Cllr G Quicke, Roger Wilkins

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2017

The Chairman requested those present at the last Annual Parish Meeting to approve the minutes. They were signed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Parish Council has held 11 meetings during the year plus an Annual Parish Meeting. These meetings have been regularly attended by our District Councillor, Peter Hare-Scott and where possible by our County Councillor Margaret Squires to whom we are very grateful for their contributions and

continued support. It has been an extremely busy and active year with regular items relating to planning, Police reports and Highways matters.

The continued developments in Crediton and north of the Parish raises concerns with the increased traffic flow and pollution through the Parish and this matter has been raised with our MP, District Council and County Council. A pollution monitor has been erected in the middle of the village and will be monitored over the next twelve months to check the pollution in the village.

Our current allotment holders continue to look after the area as best they can, and for this we are grateful. Cllr Graeme Barnell is the lead Councillor for Allotments and will be holding regular meetings with allotments holders.

The Parish Council have spent considerable time liaising and working with the many groups in the village including the Flood Resilience Group, the Arboretum, the Recreation Ground, the Parish Hall, Boniface Trail and the Church.

The Parish Council pays for the Churchyard to be kept tidy and have acquired extra land for a new Churchyard when the current one is full.

The Community Speed Watch group has ceased to operate due to lack of support. The Council looked at purchasing an ANPR camera which would have recorded the speed of all cars at all times but this was not acceptable to the Police.

The Parish Council are keeping a watching brief on the proposed Greater Exeter Strategic Plan which will be looking at developments over the next thirty year and will make the necessary comments should it affect this parish and its parishioners.

The Parish Council have endeavoured to be as transparent as possible and have this year produce two newsletters, Winter and Summer, and the Annual Directory and which were delivered to each household. Regular Parish Surgeries are held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings held in the Parish Hall on the first Saturday of the month. We now also have a Facebook page and a website.

This year continues to be a difficult year with the County Council continuing to withdraw services and expecting them to be picked up by Parish Councils but still continuing to impose unacceptable levels of regulations. We have contracted Thorverton Parish Council's

handyman to keep the parish tidy as there was no response for this role from our parish.

We have undertaken an Affordable Housing survey which has indicated a need for a number of affordable houses which hopefully will be built on the old school site and it is hoped the Council's views are considered when the old school site is developed so that it includes affordable housing. It is the Council's intention to continue to maintain the school footpath from Sand Down Lane to Pump Street after the school has moved.

The Parish Council have been very actively involved in ensuring that the new School and associated housing development takes place in Station Road and it is pleasing to note that work has already started with some houses already sold and the school nearing completion. The Council are working hard with all concerned to provide a safe footpath from the new school to the river bridge.

The Parish Council own both telephone boxes in the village. The one at the Station is used as a Book Swap Shop under the guidance of Cllr Chris Southcott. The phone box in the village houses the village defibrillator and provision for some book swaps. Thanks to Geoff Jackson and Tim Sedgwick for looking after this telephone box.

The Parish Council has been represented at the Raddon Hills Group of Parish Council meetings which involves all parishes from Bickleigh to Cowley and back to Crediton and involves 13 parishes in total. This has proved a valuable vehicle through which to pressurize the higher authorities. We are pleased that Jane Hole (our Clerk) is also Clerk to the Raddon Hills Group.

Finally, thanks to our MDDC and DCC Councillors for their work during the year and my fellow Councillors for their contributions and hard work during the year.

Our Parish Clerk, Jane Hole, continues to provide us with excellent service and it has been a pleasure to work with her. She has dealt with the business of the Parish Council in a most efficient manner and being a qualified Parish Clerk has allowed the Council to adopt General Power of Competency. This allows the Council to undertake any action it wishes as long as it is legal!

Thanks also go to Daphne Clague who has taken over the role of Auditor for the Council in an honorary capacity.

To all our Parishioners, thank you for your support for our many ventures. The Parish Council will continue to strive to help all its Parishioners. My personal thanks to you all for your support over my 9 years as Council Chairman and I wish the new Chairman and the village all the very best.

Councillors' attendance at Parish Council meetings 2017/18

There have been 11 Council meeting and Councillors attended the following:

Jim Enright	11	David Baker	9
Jill Baker	9	Gina Quicke	9
Steve Parker	9	Adam Reeves	9
Chris Southcott	11	Paul Taylor	9
Graeme Barnell	5 (elected Sept. 2017 – 6 meetings)		

4. Parish Council Financial Statement for year ending 31 March 2018

Circulated to all present and noted

5. Public Participation/Questions

A parishioner asked how the precept level is decided and what flexibility there is? Cllr D Baker replied that the precept is set once a budget has been agreed and there is no restriction on how much the Parish Council can ask for, although if it needed to be increased greatly there would be parishioner consultation.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.20pm

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

The Newton Wonder community magazine is produced monthly (with the exception of January) and can be delivered to your house. If you would like to receive a copy please contact Gerry on 851504. The magazine is always looking for articles, coming events etc. Copy date is 15th of the month. If you wish to advertise please contact Richard Nicholls on 851877.

All articles should be sent to the Editor, editor@newtonwonder.net

Village Website:www.newtonwonder.net

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**NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Year ending 31 March 2018**

Receipts

	Precept	£12,192.12
Grants	<i>MDDC Council Tax Reduction</i>	£575.88
	<i>MDDC Village Green</i>	£100.00
	<i>DCC Locality</i>	£1,130.00
	<i>DCC Community enhancement</i>	£309.00
	Allotment rent	£450.00
	VAT Refund	£649.04
	Raddon Hills admin payment	£110.00
	Grant reimbursement by Rec re play project	£500.00

Total receipts current account **£16,016.04**

Payments

Grants	Community Resilience Group	£150.00
	Parish Hall *	£50.00
	NSC Recreation Ground	£495.00
	Boniface Trail	£250.00
	Citizens Advice	£100.00
	*plus £750 paid into Reserve account	

Admin/running	Audit	£100.00
	Clerks wages incl PAYE/Raddon Hills	£3,652.83
	Expenses – Clerks	£94.56
	Expenses – other	£18.00
	Fees and subscriptions	£355.30
	Hall expenses & electricity	£200.00
	Insurance	£416.32
	Printing	£416.00
	Training (Clerk and Councillors)	£50.00

Repairs & Maintenance	Allotment costs	£222.00
	Bus shelter cleaning	£64.00
	Gardening/Maintenance	£1,326.14

	Grass cutting	£1,515.00
	Grass cutting – Churchyard	£600.00
	Noticeboards	£110.00
	Signs	£91.50
Miscellaneous	Electric cost for Vodafone Surestart	£30.00
	Fencing for new churchyard	£682.00
	Solicitor fees for churchyard	£947.18
	VAT	£548.78
	Parish Hall resurfacing fund	£658.71
Total payments current account		£13,143.32
Financial Summary Current Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2017	£10,129.47
	Add receipts for y/e 31 March 2018	£16,016.04
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2018	£13,143.32
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2018	£13,002.19
Financial Summary Footpath Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2017	£407.29
	Add receipts for y/e 31 March 2018	£0.00
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2018	£0.00
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2018	£407.29
Financial Summary Reserve (resurfacing) Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2017	£841.01
	Add receipts for y/e 31 March 2018	£659.09
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2018	£0.00
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2018	£1,500.38
Financial Summary All Accounts		
	Current Account	£13,002.19
	Footpath Account	£407.29
	Reserve Account	£1,500.38
Total of all Accounts as at 1 April 2018		£14,909.86

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local government has faced another year of financial pressure and will do so again next year. After losing another £0.5m of central government funding on top of the £3.0m already cut since 2010/11 Mid Devon District Council will be able to provide a wide range of high quality services for 2018/19.

However, we have to increase, reluctantly, our share of the council tax by 3%. We are conscious of the tax burden faced by families and for five years made no increases at all. We are totally committed to providing the highest standards of services in the most cost-effective way possible. Examples of things we provide are waste collection and street cleansing, environmental health services, planning, parks and play areas, leisure centres and licensing. In delivering the 2018/19 budget the Council has managed to provide for increased commercial investment in town centres, frozen the level of car parking charges for the second year running and been part of a successful 100% business rates pilot bid which will result in more of what is collected remaining in Devon.

In order to plan for shrinking levels of central government funding the Council has taken a number of positive measures to reduce costs or increase income over the past 18 months which are now paying dividends. For example major changes to our waste collection service has seen large reductions in household waste going to landfill. This has saved the associated landfill taxes for Devon County Council and increased volumes of products being recycled. We now have almost 9500 customers on the garden waste scheme which has reduced significantly the costs of our waste collection service. The recent development at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre in Tiverton has been completed on time and budget which has resulted in a dramatic rise in the number of new members. We have set up a brand new property development company which will deliver a step change in the number of residential and commercial units built in the district. In addition, we are much more commercially proactive and have increased the number of units that we own in our town centres. These generate a rental yield of around 7%.

Our housing service continues to perform well — rent arrears is amongst the lowest in the country and nearly all our homes achieve the expected standard. However, our rent collection team will face greater pressure this year when Universal Credit is launched in Mid Devon as the housing element will be paid to tenants rather than directly to the Council.

The ambitious local plan is out for further consultation on sustainability. It will then go to the inspectorate, hopefully, for approval.

I have helped several residents in the Parish over the last year and obviously happy to assist wherever possible. I am looking forward to the new school

opening which will be a great improvement and safer for pupils as well as removing the car parking issues round the existing site.

I continue to be amazed at all that goes on in the village — there really is something for everybody and I look forward to representing everyone for another year at Mid Devon District Council.

Peter Hare-Scott

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This year has seen some severe weather events with lots of rain and two snow events in March. This has played havoc with the roads resulting in lots of potholes. Hopefully in the next few weeks we should see Devon Highways catching up with repairs. In the meanwhile, keep reporting potholes at www.devon.gov.uk and click 'report a pothole', or ring the call centre on 0345 155 1004 You will be given a reference number and can ring and ask how it is progressing quoting the reference number after a couple of weeks.

I am encouraged to hear that the Boniface Trail group are working with local landowners and are progressing with the footpath/cycleways in the area.

I am really pleased that the building of the new Primary School is progressing and am looking forward to the children moving in after the Summer Half Term break. I have given some 'Invest in Devon' funding towards equipment.

I attend the Parish Council meeting as often as I can but I regularly have other PC meetings on the same evening so it is not always possible to attend but the Clerk keeps me up to date.

My main interest in Devon County Council is Children's Services. I sit on the Children's Scrutiny Committee and I am also a member of the Corporate Parenting Board. There are about 700 children in care and also children with special educational needs and disabilities.

I understand that Hanlons have submitted a planning application and if it is granted there could be provision for a footpath from the large lay-by at Half Moon to the bus stop.

Cllr M Squires

NEWTON ST CYRES PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The biggest element to Newton St. Cyres this year has been the progression of the new school. Despite some cold weather the school has only deviated slightly from the timeline given and is set to open on June 4th. The pre-school is also moving to the new school site and this move has been brought forward to start in June. The projected completion date is the end of July. This will mean at the start of the next academic year, all work on the new school site will be complete. In addition to this, we have worked hard to ensure that Derek Robbins, the school patrol officer moves down to the bottom end of the village to help children crossing. We are currently in discussions with Devon Highways to get the school lights moved as well. A new walking bus is being devised to start from the Village Green as well as a breakfast club, which is in line with our travel plan proposals from last year.

Another significant addition has been Brampford Speke joining the federation. We have worked closely alongside them since September and Newton St. Cyres staff have supported them in adapting the new systems within the federation including data and assessments, planning and resources.

There have been some teaching changes at Newton. St. Cyres with staff returning from maternity leave. Mrs. Tempest and Miss Scott-Hake have returned to teach class 1 (reception children). Mr. Hookway has joined from Cheriton Fitzpaine and has been a popular addition in class 2 (years 1 and 2). He has a keen interest in sport and has taken charge of the tag rugby team this year resulting in winning the CLC 6 Nations Tag Rugby Cup for the first time. Mr. Hamidullah remains in class 3 (years 3 and 4) and Mrs. Theedom and Mrs. Wilkinson and in class 4 (years 5 and 6). I'm delighted to say that Miss. Mayne has returned from her maternity leave and provides invaluable support in class 4 and at lunchtimes.

The curriculum continues to provide new challenges each year. The new curriculum has increased expectations for all year groups and to meet these we have spent a lot of staff meetings as a federation. We have worked hard looking at writing moderation to ensure that our judgements are correct. Middle leaders from Newton St. Cyres have led staff and governor meetings on topics including pupil premium and also coaching. We have also spent considerable time looking at anxiety and how we can help children who suffer from this in our schools.

To enhance the regular school curriculum throughout the summer we have once again organised residentials which have always been a popular addition on the calendar. This year, we were lucky to have 4 schools going which meant a larger friendship base for children already part of the federation. This has always been a huge help when moving on to secondary school. This year,

the residentials that are planned are; Escot for year 3, New Barn for the year 4s, Barton Hall for the year 5s and Grenville House for the year 6s.

Throughout the year, we have continued to forge strong relationships with the church by holding our annual nativity and also a Christingle and Mother's Day service. Sue Browne, who works closely with the school, has been keen to develop links with the church and it has been rewarding to see the children taking an active role in these services. Parents have also been very positive and attendances at these events has been high. Our main KS2 performance has been moved to the summer term to ensure that preparations for SATS can run smoothly in the Autumn term. Preparations are underway and it will be great to see our key Stage 2 children performing on stage in front of a big audience. We have also held a Harvest festival and a Spring Concert at school, both of which were well attended.

Fundraising always plays a big part in the calendar and this year has been no exception. The children are always keen to raise money for charitable causes and help others when they can. This year the school has help raise money for Children In Need, NSPCC and Sport Relief. We are also increasing our efforts in fundraising for the new school. We have a newly formed FANS committee who are keen to push forward with fundraising for school play equipment and ICT support. We have a silent auction planned which will include old furniture at the current school and also a special summer fete.

The children enjoy a variety of sports during and after school in the summer months; cricket, netball, football, tag rugby, the exe valley challenge orienteering walk, Exe Valley Challenge and athletics. They participate within the local learning community and the federation and have enjoyed great success at various tag and football tournaments. The key stage two children thoroughly enjoy using the tennis courts during the summer term and we all enjoy our wonderful sports day event at the recreation ground; of course, this is thanks to the generosity of the committee members of the two organisations.

Mr James Akhurst, Head of School

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH REPORT

This year has been much enhanced as Revd Katie Cross has got to know us all and got into the swing of things. We thank her for all her work during the year and for her wonderful creative services She manages to take a service in each church every month, and she and her family can often be seen at our social events. They are much appreciated.

We continue with our three services a month, with one Holy Communion and two lay led services, in the hope that they will appeal to different people. We remain free on the third Sunday to worship elsewhere. Our lay team who organize the services are always open to suggestions for any changes in the contents of services and would welcome anyone who felt they were able to join us or contribute in any way.

Bible study continues on alternate Monday afternoons at 1 Glebeland Villas, when we meet for lively Biblical discussion.

Thursday evening prayer also continues each week in a home, when in addition, we pray for world problems, the sick, and various village events.

We are pleased the school enjoy using the church for a Remembrance service, Christingle, Nativity play, and a Mothering Sunday service.

Our fund-raising committee work hard and raise essential funds for the running of the church, and also brings together many church and non-church goers. We would welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us.

The bi monthly coffee mornings in the Parish Hall are well attended, as are the soup and cheese lunch and the cream teas.

Our Harvest Flower Festival was a joint effort with the organisations in the village and the school. The church looked lovely and we were able to meet many people from the village who called in to see the flowers and to have a cup of coffee or some lunch. This also brought in some funds for the church.

We are indebted to Andrew for making our services alive with excellent music, particularly special is the music for Open Door, when we can sit back, listen and enjoy. We are very fortunate that Sally, George and Imogen also contribute musically to our services, and on Christmas Day they formed a surprise quartet much to everyone's delight.

My thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the general running of the church however great or small. Every little helps! There is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes.

The church is a focus for Christian Spiritual worship in the Village and is open daily. It is outward looking and active, and offers a warm welcome to all who come in.

We aim to follow Bishop Robert's directive of sharing the vision by growing in prayer, making new disciples and serving the people of Devon with joy.

Sue Browne, Churchwarden

NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH HALL REPORT

This has been a busy year for the Hall with 613 bookings, only 10 fewer than last year's record number. New regular users were the Mahjong Group and Ballroom Dancing Classes, but the regular bookings from the Model Railway Group ceased. There were many one-off bookings and equipment was hired out on a number of occasions.

A Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Hall was held in April and the Hall participated with the Friends of the Arboretum and the Church in organising the MidSummer Fest in the Arboretum. The major social event organised by the Hall was the very successful Ceilidh on New Year's Eve. The regular Bingo sessions organised by Joyce Rooke and her team contributed £1100 to Hall funds, as well as making major contributions to other charitable purposes.

A new kitchen was installed in March with space for storage and work surfaces increased by incorporation of the previous broom cupboard. A major feature is the installation of a range cooker. This will much increase the capability for catering for functions in the Hall. Other improvements made to the Hall were re-roofing above the kitchen, store and toilets and provision of double-glazed windows in the Club Room and kitchen.

In the financial year ending 28 Feb 18, expenditure exceeded income by £1945, but this figure was affected by two exceptional circumstances. Firstly, a repayment of £4219 was made during the year to Awards for All for a grant received during the previous year for a proposed new store – a project that we decided not to proceed with. Secondly, a start had been made in Feb on work on the new kitchen. Grants totalling £9068 had been received from Awards for All (£6568) and two other Trusts. Some £7271 (out of the total estimated project cost of some £13,000) had been paid in the financial year. Money in our accounts on 28 Feb totalled £21,000.

Whilst hire income continues to more than cover the costs of caretaking, utilities and replacement of equipment, little margin is left for maintenance and improvement of the Hall. Consequently, the Committee agreed to make a

small increase in our basic hire charges from 1 July 18, the first changes since 2011. Increased income will help us progress with reroofing the remaining flat-roofed areas, internal and external repainting and the provision of improved urinals.

We much appreciate the help that we have had from the Parish Council. A grant of £600 was received in relation to the Car Park and £200 as a contribution to the cost of wi-fi. The Council also pay for mowing the Hall surrounds. A payment of £750 was made by the Hall (and matched by the Parish Council) to a new fund held by the Parish Council to cover the costs of periodic resurfacing of the car park or other major repairs to the car park.

During the year Roy Beckett and Maureen Whiteley resigned as Trustees and were thanked for their great contributions to the Hall. We have a very effective Committee, but would welcome new members. I thank all the officers, committee and friends who have helped so much during the year to provide excellent facilities for our community.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Hall Management Committee

NEWTON ST CYRES RECREATION GROUND CLUB

The Recreation Ground continues to provide many and various activities for local people.

We provide a Club building with a bar, which is used for indoor sports and recreation such as darts, pool and skittles, as well as a venue for events, parties and meetings and a place for the outdoor sportsmen and women to take some much-needed liquid and solid refreshment.

Outdoors we provide the ground for 2 tennis courts, 2 football pitches, cricket, archery as well as a venue for the school sports day.

In addition, events such as the Revels, the 5 a-side youth football tournament, the Kingfisher award and the fireworks display happen here.

A large part of our income to enable us to continue comes from the bar, and we are very dependent on a very small number of people to man (or woman) this. Anyone who would be able to help with this voluntary job (even one evening now and then) would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given!

This year we have to contend with increased costs, as everyone has, and a couple of one off purchases, which have given our finances a bit of a hit. We had to buy a replacement second hand mower for the ground which cost us about £4,000, and a new glass washer for the bar (about £1,000).

We also had to repay the Parish Council the £500 which they gave us for the refurbishment of the play area because of the limited progress that has been made on this project and Parish Council rules.

Damien Hodge is still working through the grant applications for this, but it is a long and tortuous process! However, I am still optimistic that this project will come to fruition in time.

We have also had fewer events recently (parties, weddings etc) which provide a good boost to the bar takings and finances.

If there is anyone out there who would like to promote and organise events at the Recreation Ground, this would be very much appreciated and could contact me at john.quicke@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

I would like to thank all those on the committee for their continued work in making the Recreation Ground such a success, in particular Tony Lewis (Chairman), Ian Harris (Bar Manager), Wendy Lewis (Bookings), Kat Tremlett (Secretary) and Dave Phare (Groundsman) and others too numerous to mention, as well as our sponsors without whom we would struggle to continue.

John Quicke, Hon Treasurer
Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Club

SERVICES

FIRE	Dial 999
(nearest Station is in Crediton)	
POLICE	Emergency 999
.....	Non-Emergency 101
GAS EMERGENCY	0800 111 999
POWER FAILURE	0800 365 900
BUS SERVICES	Tel: 0871 200 2233
(Times)	
..... Stagecoach	Tel: 01392 427711
TRAIN SERVICES	Tel: 09065 500 000
SECONDARY SCHOOL – QE, CREDITON	Tel: 01363 773401
RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION -	

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILTel: 01884 255255
HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTINGTel: 0845 155 1004
DEVON COUNTY COUNCILTel: 0845 155 1015
MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILTel: 01884 255255
HOSPITAL– nearest Accident & Emergency is the R D & E, Exeter
 Tel: 01392 411611
NHS DIRECT (Out of hours advice) Tel: 111
TRADING STANDARDS Tel: 01392 499499

LOCAL MP Tel 01392 823306
 Email mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk

DENTIST– four dentists in Criditon

LIBRARY– nearest is in Criditon

Mobile Library comes to the village on the second Wednesday of the month outside the Post Office between 9.45 am and 10.45 am. Tel: 0845 155 1001 for information

VILLAGE SHOP – opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.15 pm – 5.30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday 7.00 am – 12.30 pm

QUICKES FARM SHOP – open Monday – Saturday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm;

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres>
 This contains copies of Minutes, Policies and other important Council documents. Every month the agenda for the forthcoming meeting is posted on the website. There is a link to the Footpaths map on this website.

PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE: The Parish Council now have a Facebook page which is interactive. This also contains up to date information on Planning Applications received and any Road Closure notices plus other up to date information.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

Message from the Parish Council Chairman

After nine years as Chairman David Baker has stepped down as he prepares to move nearer to family in North Devon. During his tenure Newton St Cyres Parish Council has gained recognised high standing as well as greater efficiency, openness and excellence of service to our local community.

We are fortunate that he and Jill are staying on as Councilors for a further year so that I, his Vice Chairman for five of those nine years, can step up and use my skills to continue his great work, safe in the knowledge that he is there to provide support as needed.

Your Parish Council consists of 9 Councillors all of whom take on individual as well as collective responsibility for very many aspects of local community life. All are unpaid, receive no allowance, no expenses, and give their time freely to help make Newton St Cyres a better place to live. They all deserve your continued support.

Cllr Jim Enright

Thank you

Having just retired as Parish Council Chairman after nine years in the post, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all parishioners for their support, comments and criticisms during this period. I hope that the Parish Council have responded in a positive way and, where possible, have achieved a satisfactory outcome. I hope that the Parish Council are now far more transparent in its work and that its parishioners will continue to hold it to account for its future actions.

The current Council have one more year left before there are Parish Council elections and I hope to continue to support the new Chairman during this year. It will then be time for me to retire from Parish Council work and I hope that there are a large number of parishioners who put their names forward for election next April to ensure that we continue to have vibrant Parish Council.

Thank you
David Baker

Litter Pickers

Cllr Graeme Barnell is looking for volunteers to look after the litter picking in different parts of the Parish. This is not an onerous task and can be undertaken at any time. Equipment will be provided. Anyone interested should contact Graeme on 851 308

Speed Watch

Cllr Steve Parker is endeavoring to revive the village Speed Watch group so that it can operate in the centre of the village and at Half Moon. The previous group were very successful in dropping the speed in the centre of the village but due to the retirement of some of the volunteers, there is a desperate need for new volunteers to come forward. Anyone interested should contact Steve on 851 505

Road Warden Scheme

Devon County Council are running a volunteer Road Warden Scheme where volunteers can be trained to undertake certain work on the highways (not the A377) and can include pothole maintenance. Newton St Cyres Parish Council are keen to join the scheme but do need a volunteer to be the lead person in the parish. Full training and equipment would be provided and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Jane Hole on 851 148.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

If you have any issues you wish to have raised at a Parish Council meeting, and you wish to talk this over with a Councillor –

Why not come to the Parish Council Surgeries to be held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings on the dates and times listed on page 2